



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of § Attorney Docket No.: DBS-38-A
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§ Paul M. Defourny and Fereidoun Abbassian §
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§ Serial No.: 08/696,986 §
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§ Filed: March 3, 1997 § Art Unit No.: 3625
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§ For: *Drilling Bit Assembly* §
§ *and Apparatus* §
§ Examiner: David J. Bagnell

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 2, 1998, Applicants desire to amend as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend Claims 1-16 as follows:

47. (Amended) [A drill bit for suspending in a well bore from] An Apparatus for use
and drill bit assembly apparatus
in a drill string [for drilling, coring or removing material from a geological subsurface
formation], comprising:

a first member for attachment to the drill string;

a second member [including] for attachment to at least one drilling member; and

a resiliently deformable connecting member between the first member and the second member for tilting the first member with respect to the second member while transmitting torque and weight from the first member to the second member, the second member being connected

